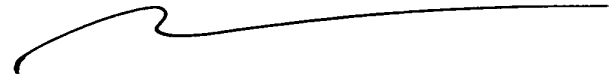


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended and claims 3 - 6, 8 - 9, 13 - 15, 17 - 18, and 21 - 23 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the title as follows:

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INFORMATION PROVIDING DEVICE, AND INFORMATION ACQUISITION DEVICE~~  
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INFORMATION PROVIDING APPARATUS, AND INFORMATION OBTAINING  
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